

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

These amendments to the claims replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the Subject Application:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article for wearing on or about a lower torso of a wearer for receiving bodily exudates, the disposable absorbent article comprising:
 - a topsheet;
 - a backsheet;
 - an absorbent core disposed between at least a portion of the topsheet and the backsheet;
 - an acceptance element, wherein the acceptance element comprises one or more apertures each having an effective aperture size of between about 0.2 square mm to about 25 square mm; and
 - a fecal storage element disposed between at least a portion of the acceptance element and the absorbent core, wherein the fecal storage element has a compressive resistance of at least about 70%, wherein the fecal storage element ~~is a macroporous storage element;~~ comprises a macro-particulate structure comprising a multiplicity of particles, and wherein the acceptance element is disposed between at least a portion of the topsheet and a portion of the fecal storage element; and
an immobilization element configured to retain bodily exudates;
2. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the acceptance element has an effective open area of at least 30%.
3. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the topsheet is selected from the group consisting of: a porous foam, a reticulated foam, an apertured

plastic film, a woven web of natural fibers, a nonwoven web of synthetic fibers, a woven web comprising natural and synthetic fibers, and a nonwoven web comprising natural and synthetic fibers.

4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article of claim §1, wherein the particles are absorbent.
7. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article of claim §1, wherein the particles are non-absorbent.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article for wearing on or about a lower torso of a wearer for receiving bodily exudates, the disposable absorbent article comprising:
 - a liquid pervious topsheet;
 - a liquid impervious backsheet;
 - an absorbent core disposed between at least a portion of the liquid pervious topsheet and the liquid impervious backsheet,
 - an acceptance element wherein the acceptance element has an effective open area of at least 30%; ~~and~~
 - a fecal storage element disposed between at least a portion of the acceptance element and the absorbent core, wherein the fecal storage element has a compressive resistance of at least about 70%, wherein the fecal storage element is ~~a macroporous storage element~~; comprises a macro-particulate structure comprising a multiplicity of

particles, and wherein the acceptance element is disposed between at least a portion of the topsheet and a portion of the fecal storage element; and
an immobilization element;

wherein the topsheet, the backsheet, the absorbent core, the acceptance element, the immobilization element, and the fecal storage element are all separate elements from each other that are joined to define the article.

11. (Previously Presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 10, wherein the liquid pervious topsheet is selected from the group consisting of: a porous foam, a reticulated foam, an apertured plastic film, a woven web of natural fibers, a nonwoven web of natural fibers, a woven web of synthetic fibers, a nonwoven web of synthetic fibers, a woven web comprising natural and synthetic fibers, and a nonwoven web comprising natural and synthetic fibers.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)
16. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article of claim 1045, wherein the particles are absorbent.
17. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article of claim 1045, wherein the particles are non-absorbent.
18. (Canceled)
19. (Currently Amended) The disposable absorbent article of claim 51, wherein the particles

have a nominal size of between about 2 mm and about 16 mm.

20. (New) The disposable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the immobilization element is disposed between at least a portion of the fecal storage element and the absorbent core.
21. (New) The disposable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the immobilization element is configured to retain greater than about 7.5 g of bodily exudates.
22. (New) The disposable absorbent article of claim 10, wherein the immobilization element is disposed between at least a portion of the fecal storage element and the absorbent core.
23. (New) The disposable absorbent article of claim 10, wherein the immobilization element is configured to retain greater than about 7.5 g of bodily exudates.